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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week was the 13th consecutive week in Nebraska with temperature averages below normal except for local areas that occasionally reached normal or slightly above. Temperatures the past week averaged from 10 to 15 degrees below normal, but warm air invaded the State on Sunday. Readings Sunday afternoon reached the upper 40's in the east and the 60's in the west.

Little precipitation was received the past week, but a heavy snow cover containing a high water content still covers much of the Sandhills and the central and north-east portions of the State. The high temperatures of Sunday appear to be the beginning of melting snows. Some flooding is to be expected.

CROPS Snow and blowing snow clogged rural roads in northern areas during the early part of the week making travel difficult. Low temperatures gave some relief from the mud but surfaces were very rough. Ice remained over portions of some wheat fields most of the week. Rapid thawing over the week end reduced snow pack and some lowland flooding is expected.

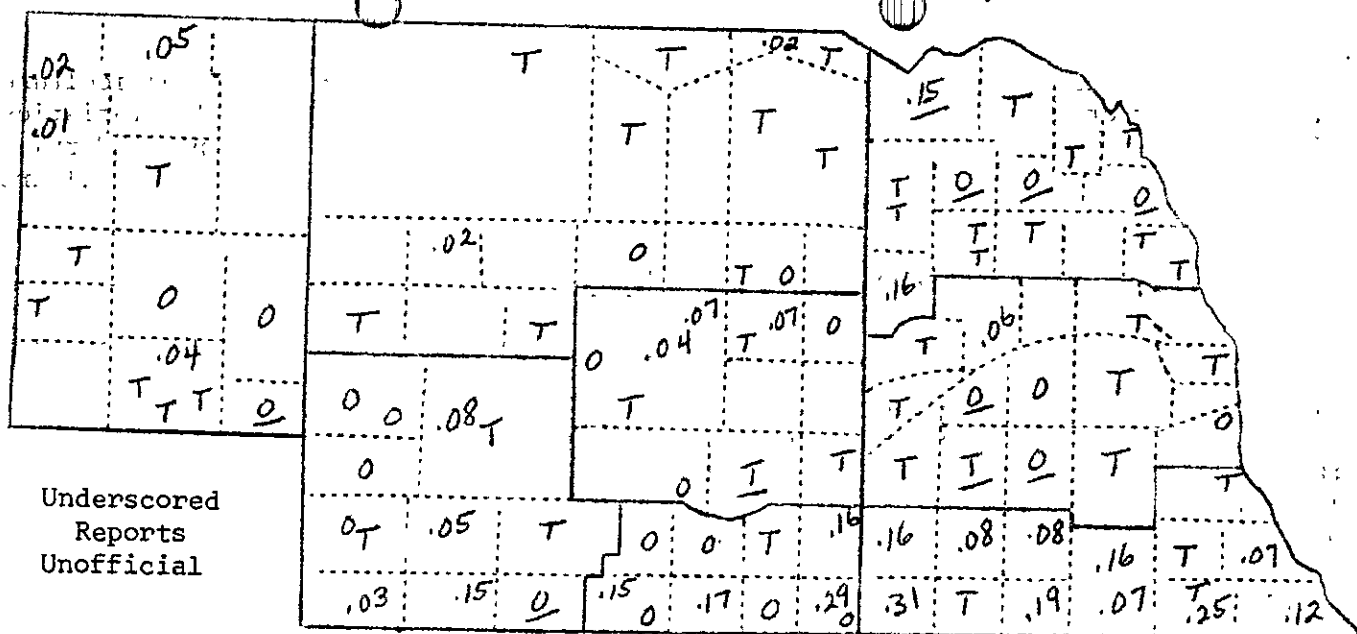
Limited farm work was accomplished while the ground was frozen. This consisted of hauling manure and fertilizer application to wheat and pasture. There is a good demand for forage feeds and bedding materials. Hay supplies are diminishing rapidly and shortages are reported in 70 percent of the counties.

LIVESTOCK Rough frozen surfaces produced problems for livestock in walking to feeding and watering areas, but muddy conditions returned over the week end. Calf mortality rate is higher than usual because of the severe winter weather. Some hog losses also occurred from exposure and disease. Inshipments of cattle into Nebraska during February 1969 amounted to 77,000 head, down 25 percent from last year's 103,000 head. Movement of sheep and lambs into the State during February doubled from the previous year with 10,000 head reported compared to 5,000 head in 1968.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	T
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	O
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	T			Sidney	T
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	28	6	37	15	31	15	30	6	42	12	58	29	60	29		
	Scottsbluff	29	3	32	15	34	11	31	10	40	11	52	24	60	29		
	Sidney	26	-1	37	14	33	9	31	7	39	12	53	25	60	24		
NC	Burwell	18	-5	32	4	28	8	27	2	33	1	40	20	46	--		
	Valentine	19	-8	30	6	27	5	22	-2	31	0	41	24	47	26		
NE	Norfolk	16	2	26	5	26	12	25	7	29	8	37	25	47	25		
	Sioux City	17	0	26	9	26	12	26	10	26	10	32	24	43	27		
CEN	Grand Island	21	6	27	15	30	15	38	11	31	16	39	29	48	31		
EC	Lincoln	25	8	29	20	31	19	31	16	33	19	45	31	48	35		
	Omaha	21	4	28	16	27	16	26	13	29	16	42	30	47	30		
SW	Imperial	26	3	34	18	36	17	34	14	42	19	51	26	64	28		
	North Platte	21	2	31	13	32	15	27	10	36	15	46	25	54	24		

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